

1 I claim:

1 1. A clasp for releaseably holding an ornamental object, comprising:
 2 a first fixture having a first surface and a second surface, wherein said first
 3 surface of said first fixture has a concave shape;
 4 a second fixture having a first surface and a second surface, wherein said first
 5 surface of said second fixture has a concave shape; and
 6 a member having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is disposed
 7 on said second surface of said first fixture, and wherein said second end is disposed on
 8 said second surface of said second fixture.

1 2. The clasp of claim 1, further comprising:
 2 a first cellular material disposed on said first surface of said first fixture; and
 3 a second cellular material disposed on said first surface of said second fixture.

1 3. The clasp of claim 1, wherein said first fixture further comprises a first
 2 convexoconcave structure having a first inner concave surface, a first outer convex
 3 surface, and a first edge continuously joining said first inner surface and said first outer
 4 surface.

1 4. The clasp of claim 3, wherein said second fixture further comprises a
 2 second convexoconcave structure having a second inner concave surface and a second
 3 outer convex surface, and a second edge continuously joining said second inner surface
 4 and said second outer surface.

1 5. The clasp of claim 1, wherein said member has a semicircular shape.

1 6. The clasp of claim 5, wherein said member further comprises:
 2 a first end portion;

3 a second end portion; and

4 a midpoint;

5 wherein said first end portion connects said first end and said midpoint, and

6 wherein said second end portion connects said second end and said midpoint;

7 wherein said clasp further comprises:

8 a first connector having a first proximal end and a first distal end, wherein said
9 first proximal end is disposed on said first end portion of said member, such that said first
10 distal end extends outwardly from said member in the direction of said second end
11 portion; and

12 a second connector having a second proximal end and a second distal end,
13 wherein said second proximal end is disposed on said second end portion of said
14 member, such that said second distal end extends outwardly from said member in the
15 direction of said first end portion;

16 wherein said first distal end is moveably connected to said second distal end.

1 7. The clasp of claim 6, wherein said first distal end comprises a first ratchet
2 portion, and wherein said second distal end comprises a second ratchet portion, and
3 wherein said first distal end is disposed adjacent said second distal end such that said first
4 ratchet portion slidably mates with said second ratchet portion.

1 8. The clasp of claim 6, wherein:

2 said first distal end is threaded in a first orientation;

3 said second distal end is threaded in a second orientation;

4 said clasp further comprising a body containing an aperture disposed

5 therethrough, wherein said aperture has a first opening and a second opening, and

6 wherein said first opening is threaded in said first orientation, and wherein said second
7 opening is threaded in said second orientation;

8 wherein said body is rotatably coupled to both said first threaded distal end and
9 said second threaded distal end.

1 9. A method to releaseably hold an ornamental object, comprising the steps
2 of:

3 providing a clasp comprising:

4 a first fixture having a first surface and a second surface, wherein said first
5 surface of said first fixture has a concave shape;

6 a second fixture having a first surface and a second surface, wherein said first
7 surface of said second fixture has a concave shape; and

8 a member having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is disposed
9 on said second surface of said first fixture, and wherein said second end is disposed on
10 said second surface of said second fixture; and

11 disposing said ornamental object between said first fixture and said second fixture
12 such that said first fixture urges said ornamental object against said second fixture and
13 such that said second fixture urges said ornamental object against said first fixture.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein said disposing step further comprises the
2 steps of:

3 providing a first force urging said ornamental object in a first direction; and

4 providing a second force urging said ornamental object in a second direction.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein said member has a semi-circular shape.

1 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

2 adjusting the magnitudes of said first force and said second force by altering said
3 thickness of said member.

1 13. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of adjusting the
2 magnitudes of said first force and said second force by altering the radius of said semi-
3 circular member.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein said member further comprises a first
2 end portion disposed adjacent said first end, a second end portion disposed adjacent said
3 second end, and a midpoint disposed between said first end portion and said second end
4 portion, and wherein said clasp further comprises:

5 a first connector having a first proximal end and a first distal end, wherein said
6 first proximal end is disposed on said first end portion of said member, wherein said first
7 distal end extends outwardly from said member in the direction of said second end
8 portion;

9 a second connector having a second proximal end and a second distal end,
10 wherein said second proximal end is disposed on said second end portion of said
11 member, wherein said second distal end extends outwardly from said member in the
12 direction of said first end portion;

13 wherein said distal end of said first connector is disposed adjacent said distal end
14 of said second connector such that said first ratchet portion releaseably couples to said
15 second ratchet portion;

16 said method further comprising the steps of:

17 moving said first end portion of said member toward said second end portion of
18 said member;

19 moving said second end portion of said member toward said first end portion of
 20 said member;
 21 releaseably coupling said first distal end to said second distal end.

1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein said first distal end comprises a first
 2 ratchet portion and wherein said second distal end comprises a second ratchet portion,
 3 said method further comprising the step of slidingly mating said first ratchet portion with
 4 said second ratchet portion.

1 16. The method of claim 14, wherein:
 2 said first distal end is threaded in a first orientation;
 3 said second distal end is threaded in a second orientation;
 4 said clasp further comprises a body containing an aperture disposed therethrough,
 5 wherein said aperture has a first opening and a second opening, and wherein said first
 6 opening is threaded in said first orientation, and wherein said second opening is threaded
 7 in said second orientation;
 8 wherein said body is rotatably coupled to both said first threaded distal end and
 9 said second threaded distal end;

10 said method further comprising the steps of
 11 rotating said body;
 12 moving said first end portion of said member toward said second end portion of
 13 said member; and

14 moving said second end portion of said member toward said first end portion of
 15 said member.